Import of wind power machines

†2934. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to wind power machines imported from abroad between 1st January, 1999 to 30th November, 2002;

(b) the price of each machine separately alongwith the details with regard to exemption on each machine;

(c) the names and addresses of firms importing the wind power machines;

(d) the gap between the price of indigenously manufactured wind power machines and wind power machine imported from abroad; and

(e) the steps taken for initiating the use of indigenously manufactured machines by discontinuing the imported machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) Wind electric generators for power generation are not being imported from abroad as complete machines. They are being manufactured through local production in India. Certain critical components are only being imported by the manufacturers of these machines.

There is no duty exemption on import of complete wind machines. However, concessional duty is levied on import of specified critical components.

The price of wind machines manufactured in India varies with technology, type, size, performance parameters and market conditions. As complete wind machines are not being imported, their price cannot be compared with indigenously manufactured machines.

(e) Fiscal and promotional incentives, and soft loans, are provided to encourage wind power projects and the wind industry. Research and development is being supported, and testing and certification facilities have also been set up to assist the wind industry in the country.

Assistance for the establishment of power projects and villages electrification in A.P.

2935. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank, REC and Power Finance Corporation are

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